

## No. 1978-219

## AN ACT

## HB 2092

Amending the act of June 11, 1935 (P.L.326, No.149), entitled "An act relating to counties of the first class; defining deceased service persons; providing for contributions by the county to the funeral expenses for such persons and their widows; providing for the erection and care of markers, headstones, and flags, and for the compilation of war records," changing the duties of undertakers relating to certain payments for deceased veterans and spouses.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 4, act of June 11, 1935 (P.L.326, No.149), entitled "An act relating to counties of the first class; defining deceased service persons; providing for contributions by the county to the funeral expenses for such persons and their widows; providing for the erection and care of markers, headstones, and flags, and for the compilation of war records," amended November 5, 1971 (P.L.512, No.121), is amended to read:

Section 4. Payments.—It shall be the duty of each such county in this State to draw a warrant upon the treasurer of their county in the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), or one hundred dollars (\$100.00) if the additional sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) is authorized, for each body buried in accordance with the provisions of this act, to be paid out of the funds of the county, and such warrants shall be made payable to the applicant or applicants if the application shows that the funeral expenses have been paid, otherwise to the undertaker performing the services, with notice to the applicant.

Application for such contribution shall be made by the personal representative of such deceased service person or deceased service person's widow, if there be such personal representative, if no such personal representative has qualified, then by any next of kin, individual or veterans' organization who, or which, assumes responsibility for the cost of burial of the body, and shall be sustained by affidavit as to the facts.

Such application shall be on forms prescribed by the Department of Military Affairs, and shall set forth whether or not the funeral expenses have been paid. The application shall have attached thereto, a certified copy of the death certificate, and **[an affidavit] a certification** by the undertaker, who had charge of the burial of the body, and to the effect that the undertaker did render such service.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 4th day of October, A. D. 1978.

MILTON J. SHAPP